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Once there were **3** brown



a great big Dad bear,



a middle-sized Mom bear,



and a very small young



bear.

The **3** brown bears



lived in a little house

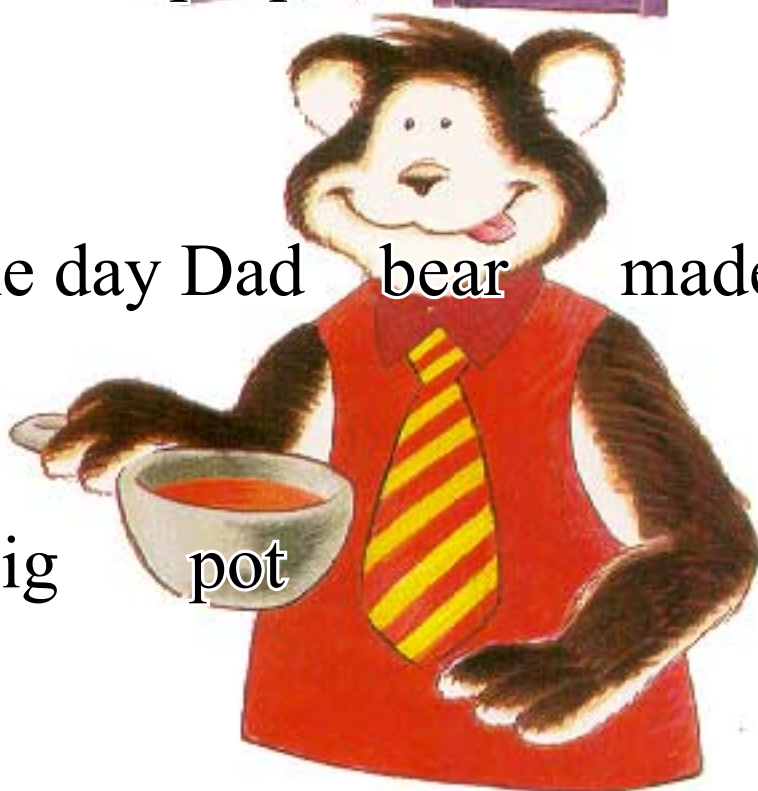


with a purple door.



One day Dad bear made

a big pot



of soup for supper.

The small young bear



set the table with



1 great big red bowl,



1 middle-sized blue bowl,



1 very small yellow bowl,



and

1 2 3

spoons.



Then Mom bear poured



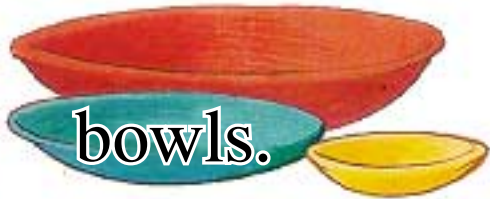
the soup from the



into the

3

bowls.



But when the bears



tasted the soup,

that soup from the



was too

HOT!

Mom bear said,



“Let’s go for a walk.

By the time we get back

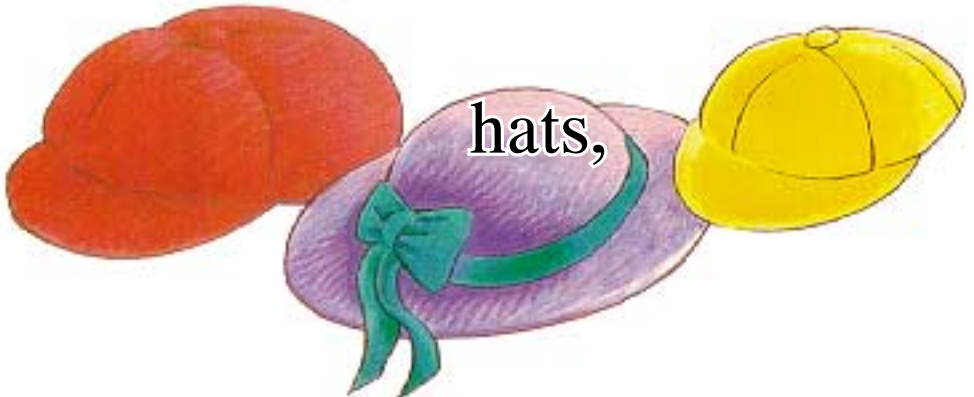
to the house,



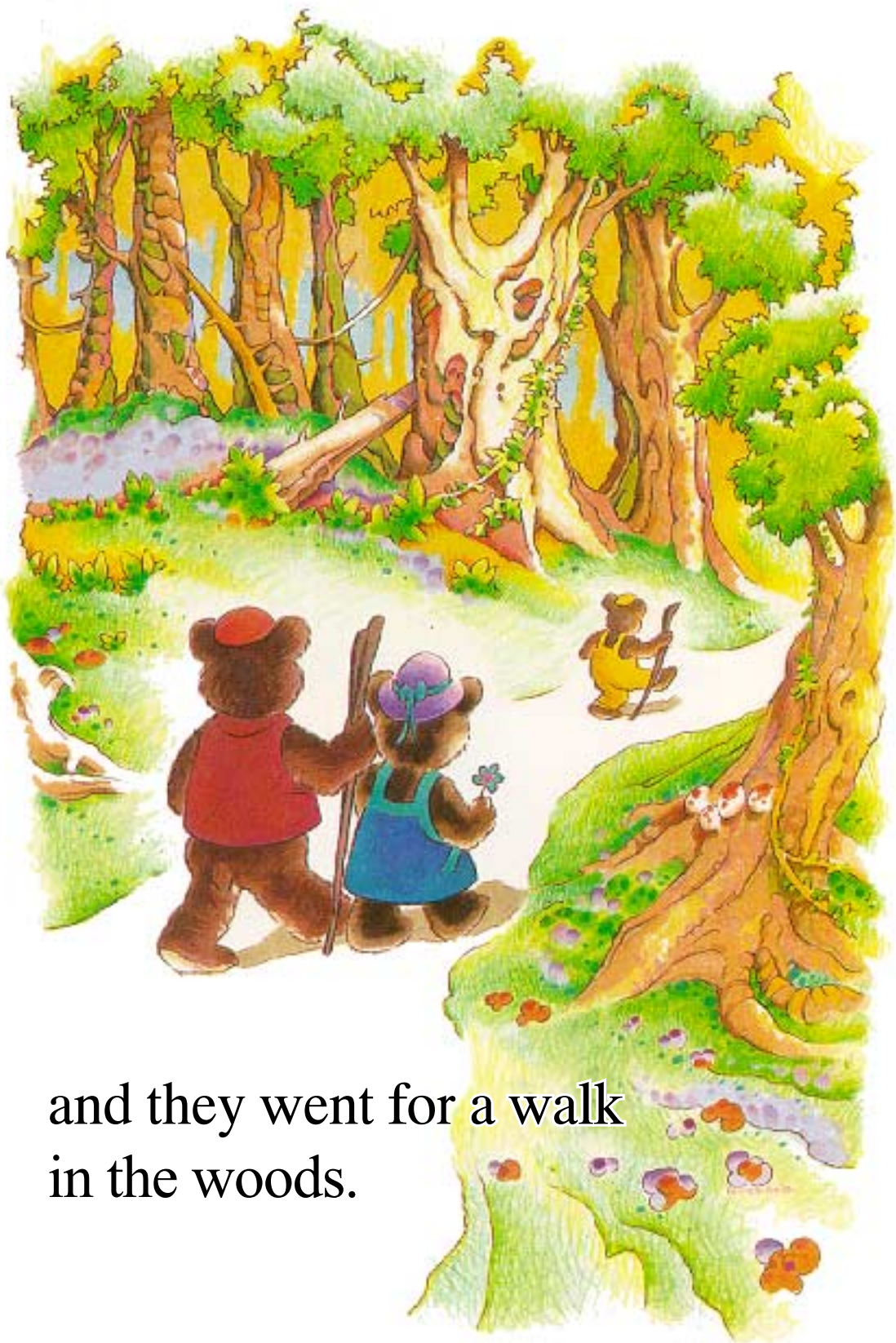
the soup will be



So they put on their



hats,



and they went for a walk
in the woods.

While the **3** bears were away,

a little girl named Goldilocks

walked by their house.

The purple door was open,

so Goldilocks walked in.



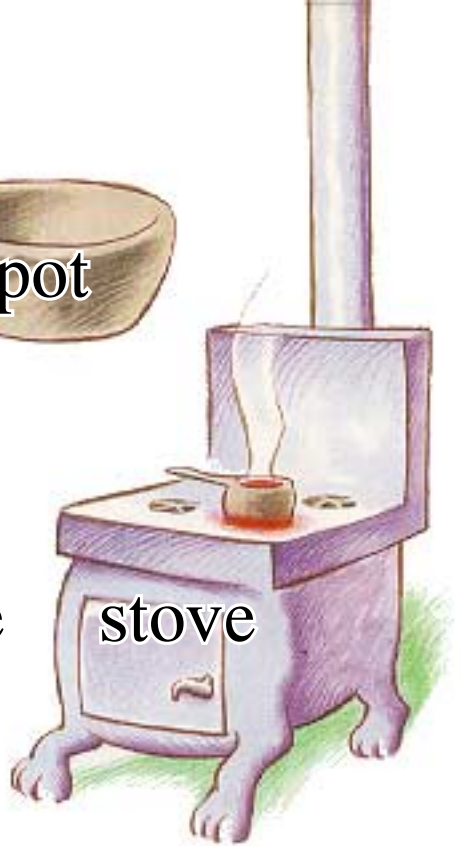
She saw the

pot



steaming on the

stove



and the

table

set



with

1 2 3

bowls.

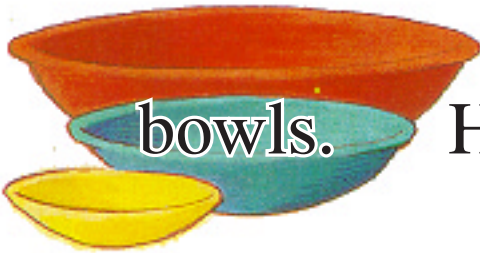




Her eyes told Goldilocks



there was something in those



bowls.

Her nose



told her it was something good.



Her mouth said, "Taste it!"

And that's just what she did.





First Goldilocks tasted the soup

in the great big **red** bowl.



It was too

HOT!

Next she tasted the soup in the

middle-sized **blue** bowl.



It was too

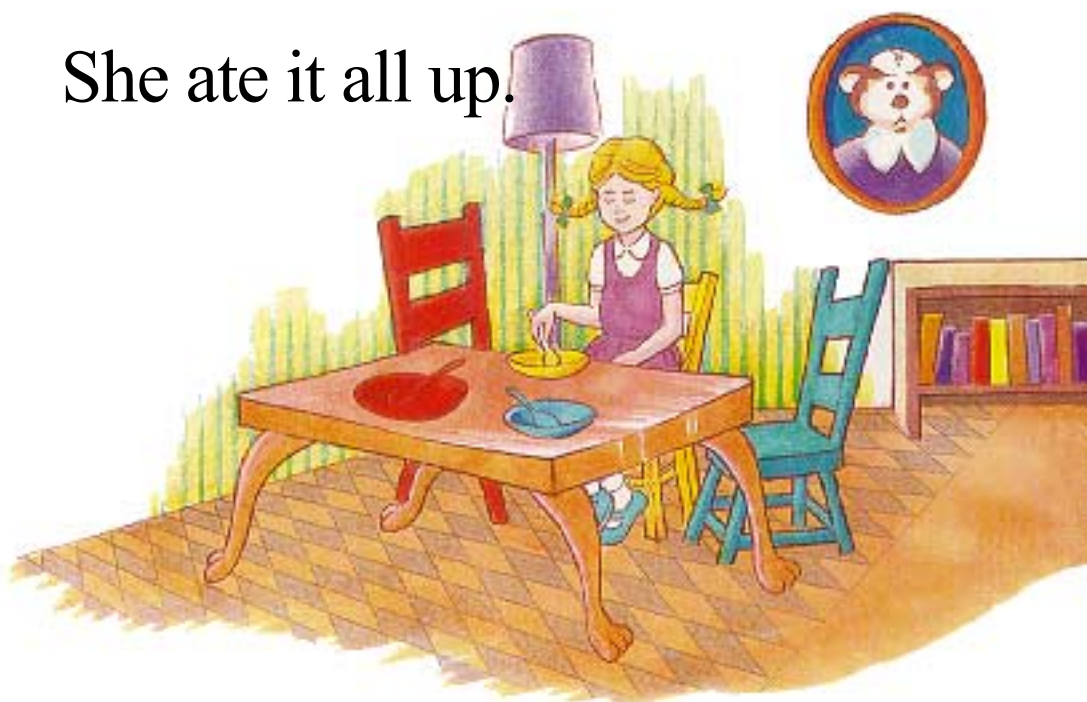
COLD.

Then she tasted the soup in the
very small yellow bowl.

That soup was just right.

SIP-SUP!

She ate it all up.



After sipping all that soup,



Goldilocks decided to sit down.

She looked around and saw

1 2 3



chairs.





First Goldilocks sat in

a great big red chair.



But it was too hard.

Next she sat in a

middle-sized blue chair.



It was too soft.



Then Goldilocks sat in

a very small yellow chair.



And it was just right!

She sat down with a plop.



The chair flopped right over!





That's when Goldilocks
saw the stairs.

Up, up, up, she went.

Upstairs she saw **1 2 3**



Seeing the



beds

made Goldilocks sleepy.



She took off her



shoes

and lay down on the big



red

bed.

It was much too hard.

Next she lay down on

the middle-sized **blue** bed.



It was much too soft.

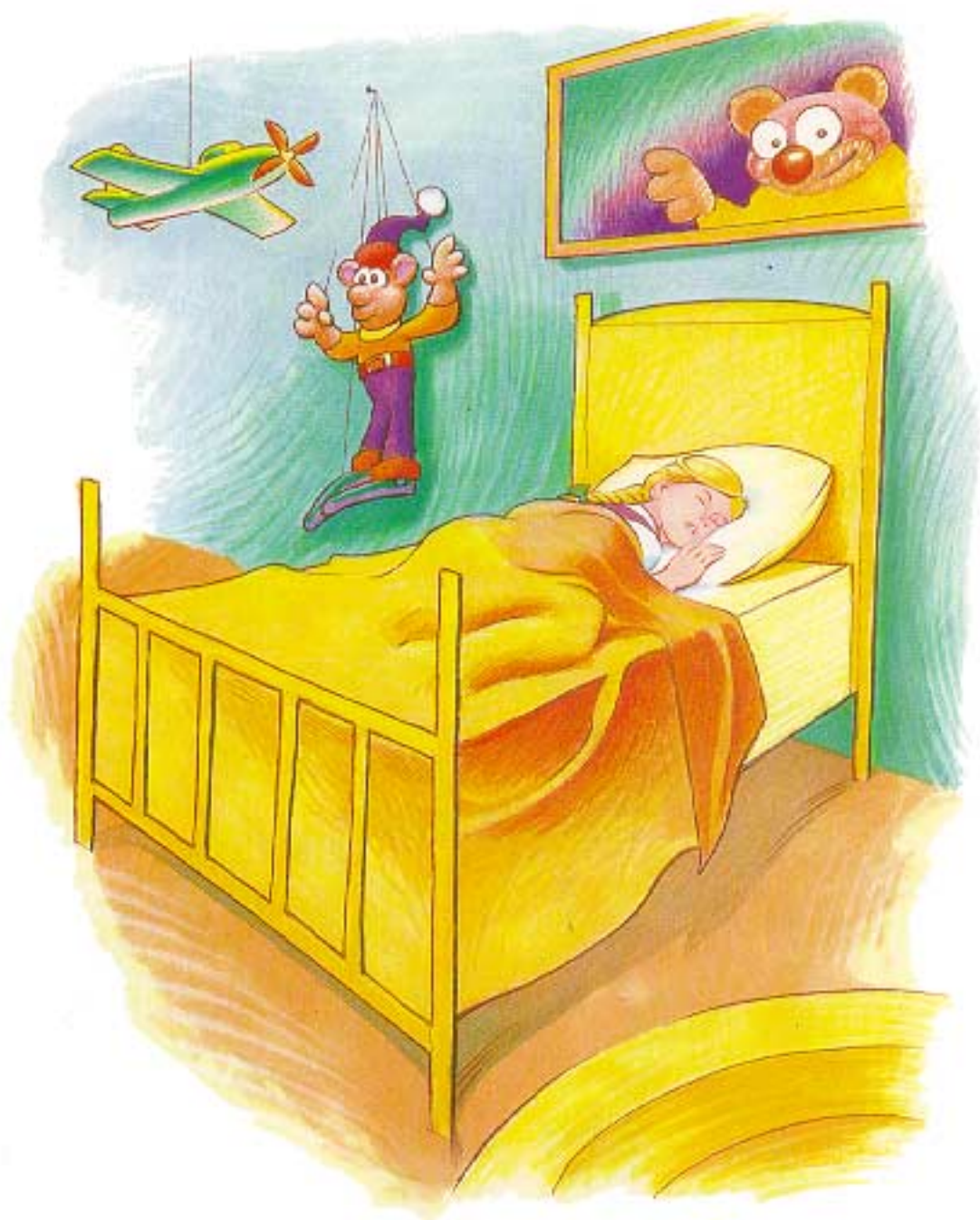
Then she lay down

on the very small **yellow**



And it was just right.

Goldilocks closed her eyes
and fell fast asleep.



After a little while

the

3

bears



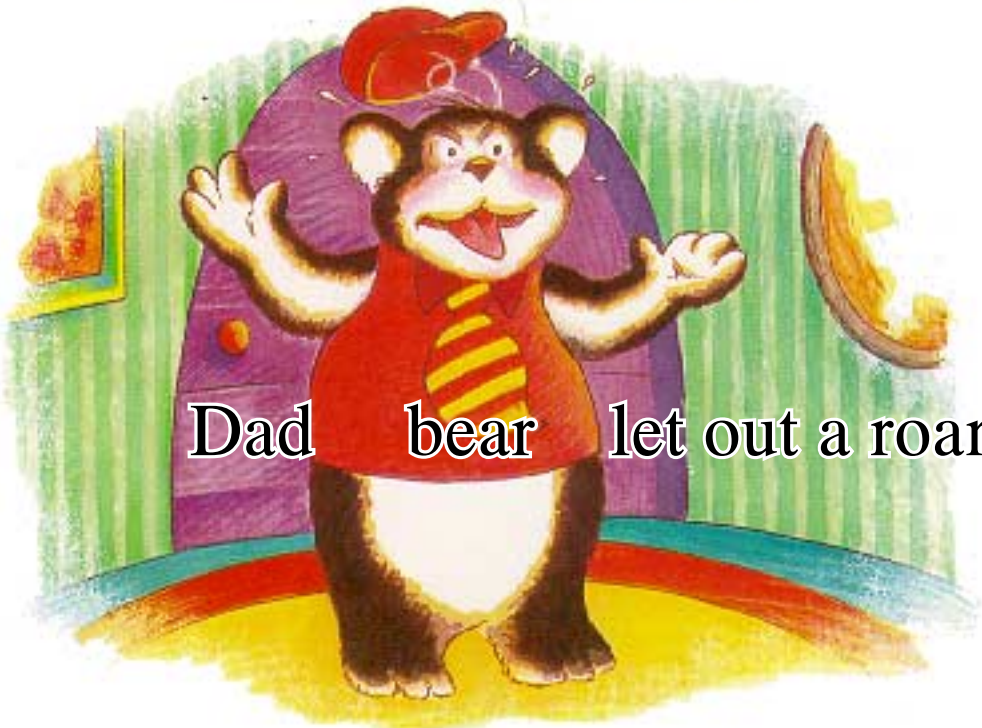
came back.

When they walked through

the

purple

door,



Dad bear let out a roar!

“Someone’s been sitting

in my  red  chair!”

Mom  bear growled,

“Someone’s been sitting

in my  blue  chair!”



Then the very small young bear

cried, “Someone’s been sitting

in my yellow



chair!

And it flopped over!”

Just then the



bears

saw the

3



bowls.

“Someone’s been sipping

from my red bowl,”



said Dad bear.



“And someone’s been sipping

from my blue bowl,”



said Mom bear.



“Someone’s been sipping

from my yellow bowl,”

said the very small young



“And my soup is all gone.”



“Let’s look upstairs,” said Mom



bear. So, up, up, up



the stairs they went.

“Someone’s been sleeping in my



bed,” Dad bear said.



“Someone’s been sleeping in my



bed,”

Mom bear said.



The very small young bear said,



“Someone’s been sleeping

in my

bed.



And there she is!”



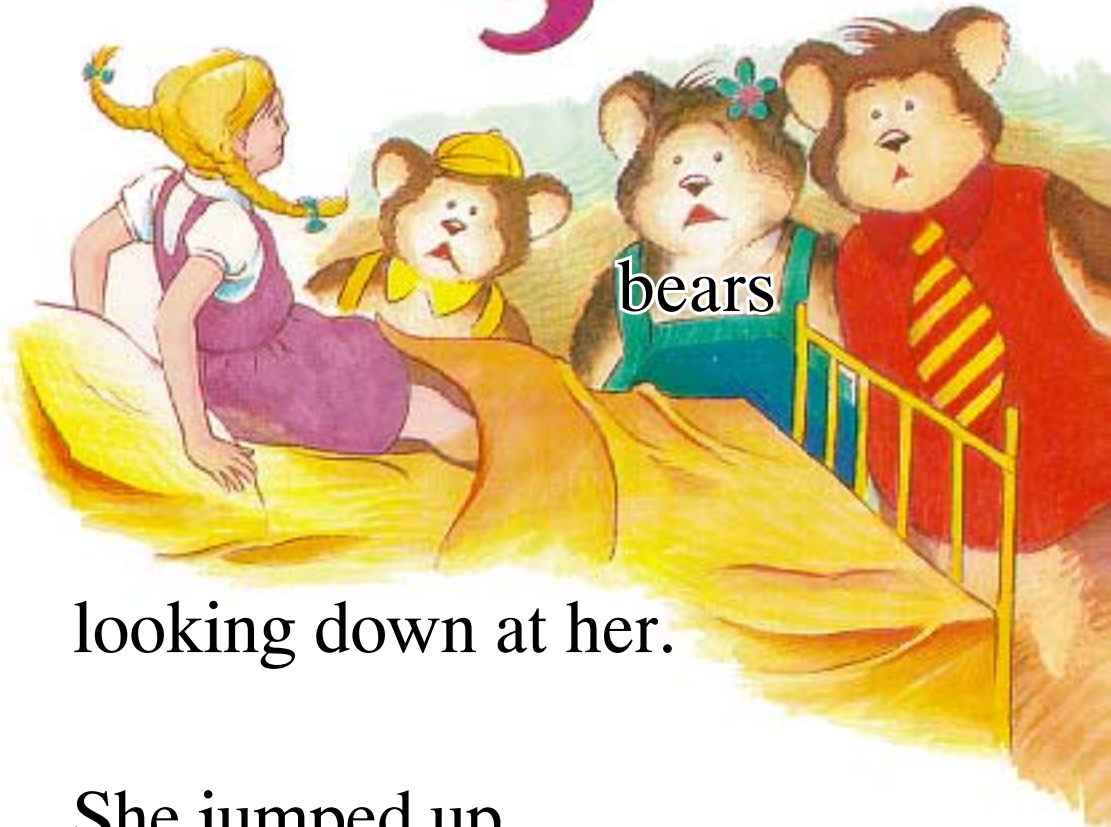


Goldilocks opened her eyes

and saw

1 2 3

brown



bears

looking down at her.

She jumped up.

She raced down the stairs,



scooted through the



door, and ran home



as fast as her legs could carry her.



And what did the bears do?



They went down the stairs,



sat on their chairs,



poured soup from the pot,

and it wasn't too

HOT!

SIP-SUP! SIP-SUP! SIP-SUP!

They had a fine soup supper.

